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SUBJECT: THIRD US/ JAPAN CONFERENCE ON SEWAGE TREATMENT
TECHNOLOGY

SUMMARY: GOJ HAS SUGGESTED PROPOSED AGENDA, ITINERARY AND
MEETING DATES FOR SUBJECT CONFERENCE. ACTION REQUESTED: EPA
APPROVAL GOJ SUGGESTIONS OR RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVES. END
SUMMARY.

1. CONSTRUCTION MINISTRY'S DR. TAKESHI KUBO MET WITH EMBOFFS
TODAY TO DISCUSS AGENDA, ITINERARY, FORMAT AND TIMING OF SUBJECT
US/ JAPAN CONFERENCE. MINISTER OF CONSTRUCTION WILL EXTEND THROUGH
FONMIN TO ADMINISTRATOR RUCKELSHAUS OFFICIAL INVITATION TO
CONFERENCE AS SOON AS EPA CONFIRMS DATES AND GENERAL OUTLINE
PROPOSED PROGRAM. TENTATIVE AGENDA AND ITINERARY BEING POUCHED.
ESSENTIAL POINTS DETAILED HEREWITH.

2. FIELD TRIPS TO SELECTED SEWAGE TREATMENT SITES FROM KYOTO
TO SAPPORO WOULD OCCUPY PERIOD 5-11 NOVEMBER. FORMAL CONFERENCE
PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE SCHEDULED 12-16 NOVEMBER, FOLLOWED BY SHORT
FIELD TRIP ON 17 NOVEMBER TO CLOSE CONFERENCE.

3. FORMAL PROCEEDINGS FOR WEEK 12 NOVEMBER INCLUDE MONDAY
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MIDDAY WEDNESDAY PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS BY DELEGATIONS AND OFFICIAL OBSERVERS ONLY. REMAINDER OF WEEK WOULD BE DEVOTED TO FOUR HALF- DAY SEMINARS OPEN TO INTERESTED SEWAGE ENGINEERS.

4. FOR FIRST DAY FORMAL MEETING OF US/ JAPAN DELEGATIONS, US SIDE WOULD MAKE FULL DAY PRESENTATION ON TOPIC QTE PROGRESS AND PLANS FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT IN US QTE. JAPANESE SIDE ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN POLICY FORMULATION AND IMPLEMENTATION US WATER POLLUTION CONTROL ACT. TO COVER ALL ASPECTS OF SUBJECTS THEY SUGGEST PRESENTATIONS FROM EPA HEADQUARTERS, EPA REGIONAL OFFICES, STATES AND MUNICIPALITIES. PLEASE NOTE THIS FORMAT WOULD HAVE IMPACT ON SELECTION US DELEGATION. FYI: JAPANESE SIDE GREATLY IMPRESSED BY SELECTION US DELEGATES FROM FEDERAL, STATE AND MUNICIPAL ENTITIES FOR FIRST US/ JAPAN CONFERENCE ON SEWAGE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY IN 1971. THEY HOPE FOR SIMILAR MIX IN 1973 US DELEGATION. END FYI. KUBO REQUESTS US PAPERS FOR THIS PRESENTATION BE FORWARDED BY MID- OCTOBER FOR TRANSLATION. JAPANESE SIDE WILL MAKE ALL DAY PRESENTATION ON SECOND DAY, AND HALF DAY PRESENTATION THIRD DAY. THEY PLAN TO PRESENT CASE STUDIES ON EUTROPHICATION, SLUDGE HEAT TREATMENT AND JOINT MUNICIPAL AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE TREATMENT.

5. BEGINNING AFTERNOON 14 NOVEMBER US EXPERTS WOULD PRESENT FOUR HALF- DAY (3 HOURS) SEMINARS STARTING OFF WITH 90- MINUTE PREPARED PAPER AND CONCLUDING WITH 90- MINUTE DISCUSSION PERIOD. JAPANESE SIDE SUGGESTS FOLLOWING FOUR TOPICS BE COVERED: (A) OXYGEN ACTIVATED SLUDGE, (B) ADVANCED SUSPENDED SOLIDS REMOVAL, (C) STORM AND COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW, AND (D) UPGRADING EXISTING WASTE TREATMENT PLANTS. KUBO REQUESTS THESE FOUR SEMINAR PAPERS BE FORWARDED BY END JULY FOR TRANSLATION AND DISTRIBUTION TO ATTENDEES TO FACILITATE JAPANESE COMPREHENSION OF US PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS. ABOUT 200 PERSONS EXPECTED AT EACH SEMINAR. INTERPRETATION WILL BE SIMULTANEOUS.

6. FYI: JAPANESE SIDE PREFERS US DELEGATION BE STAG ONLY.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: TO FACILITATE SCHEDULING FONMIN CONFERENCE ROOMS AND LARGE HALL, POST NEEDS FOLLOWING EPA RESPONSES ASAP: (A) AGREEMENT ON DATES SUGGESTED OR PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE DATES; (B) AGREEMENT WITH OR ALTERNATIVE VIEWS ON SUGGESTED AGENDA AND TOPICS.

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